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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Mark M. RICHTER, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated December 6, 1999. This extension will extend the time the response is due from March 6, 2000 to April 4, 2000.

- A one month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$110.00.
- A check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 337462000600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 4, 2000

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